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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Foreign Travel Survey from the
Period - 1 January to 30 June 1952

1. Attached for your information is a brief analysis of the reports submitted, classifying travel performed during the subject period into eight basic categories. Where trips have involved more than one purpose, an effort has been made to classify the travel in accordance with the major purpose involved. [REDACTED]

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2. It does not appear that the number of trips was excessive considering the many purposes involved nor that this experience raises any serious question.

3. Continued review will be made of the results of area familiarization travel to ascertain whether the benefits derived justify the expenditure of funds for this purpose. We intend to continue to examine carefully requests for travel by specialists to give guidance to collectors and to perform actual collection. In general we feel that such trips should be undertaken only when the need cannot be met through written requirements through established channels.

4. It is evident from contacts with the offices that the present procedure requiring an adequate justification for each trip has been effective in causing closer scrutiny of proposed travel. OIC is continuing to work with the offices involved to establish criteria that will be helpful in evaluating the necessity for foreign travel. Our attitude with the offices has been that essential foreign travel is to be encouraged but that every effort must be made to prevent unnecessary trips which over a period of time might, among other adverse effects, bring serious criticism and could result in a limitation on funds available for the purpose.

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